(c) As reported by the Government of Gujarat, the actual number of BPL families identified as on 31-12-2000 were 33.89 lakhs.

(d) Government of India supplies wheat and rice to the State of Gujarat on the basis of 21.20 lakhs BPL families including Antyodaya families.

Sugar export

2647. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the country should export at least one million tonnes of white and raw sugar in 2001-2002 ;

(b) if so, whether it is more than what it was in 2000-2001;

(c) whether the country has surplus, stocks of white sugar of 11-12 million tonnes ;

(d) if so, efforts being made to export more sugar;

(e) the main buyers of sugar from India; and

(f) the steps taken to export sugar to these countries during 2001-2002 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V, SREENIVASA) : (a)and (b) In the 2000-2001 sugar season (October-September), the export of sugar is provisionally estimated, based on information from trade circles, at 12.5 lakh tonnes. It is difficult to indicate the minimum level of export of sugar during the 2000-2001 sugar season.

(c) The closing stock of sugar as on the close of 2000-2001 sugar season, on 30th September, 2001 is provisionally estimated at about 103 lakh tonnes.

(d) In order to boost export of sugar the Government has taken the following measures :—

- The quantitative restrictions on export of sugar have been lifted.
- The requirement of registration of quantity to be exported with the Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Agency (APDA) has been dispensed with.

- Sugar factories exporting sugar have been allowed exemption from levy on the quantity of sugar exported.
- The adjustment in freesale stocks of sugar factories exporting sugar, which was being made at the end of 12 months from the date of export, has been increased to 18 months.
- Duty Entitlement Pass Book (DEPB) benefit @ 5% on the f.o.b. value of exports has been allowed on export of sugar.

(e) In 2000-2001 sugar season, Pakistan, Indonesia, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were main buyers of sugar.

(f) The measures listed in para (d) of the reply are likely to continue in 2001-2002 sugar season. Apart from this, with a view to further promote export of sugar the Government has decided to undertake legislation to amend Sugar Development Fund Act, 1962 for defraying expenditure on internal transport and freight charges to the sugar factories on export shipment of sugar.

Reopening of Super Bazar

†2648. PROF. R. B. S. VERMA : Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to reopen the Super Bazar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of total assets of Super Bazar; and

(d) the estimated number of employees working in Super Bazar at the time of its closure ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD) : (a) and (b) The Super Bazar, Delhi has not been closed so far. The Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies have been requested to take measures for the winding up of Super Bazar under the provisions of Multi State Cooperative Society Act, 1984.

(c) The Cooperative Store (Super Bazar) New Delhi, have reported that their assets totaled Rs. 44.25 crores which include Rs. 22.99 crores of accumulated losses as on 31-3-2000.

(d) As on 31-3-2001, Super Bazar, Delhi had a total 2016 employees.

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